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## PUZZLING NEW ZEALAND AND SOUTH AMERICAN SIGHTINGS HIGHLIGHT FOREIGN REPORTS

A large number of startling UFO reports from 11 foreign countries since 1970 have come to UFOR's attention. Characteristics include strange objects that apparently disrupted electric and telephone service; caused physiological effects and animal reactions; landed and left behind physical evidence; emitted lights, "sparks" and sounds; stirred up "whirlwinds of dust" and affected animals; and frightened witnesses. There was even a UFO that emerged from a body of water and was "enveloped in a sort of fog," another that was photographed and still another that was shot at by policemen and a farmer. Among the witnesses were policemen, a press photographer, the manager of an insurance company, some soldiers, and the winner of a beauty contest. The majority of sightings came from South America and New Zealand.

On the evening of June 27, 1972, policemen and a farmer fired with rifles at a UFO over Ft. Beaufort, South Africa, according to a Reuters news release dated June 28, 1972. The object first appeared "as a ball of fire and then changed color frequently." It "dodged the rifle fire and flew away."

Several UFO sightings on the evening of May 26, 1972, at Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, were reported by the Hobart *Saturday Evening Mercury*, May 27, 1972.

At about 6:55 p.m., J. Sproule, of New Town, saw "three red lights circling the Domain and then head off towards the airport." Airport officials said there were no aircraft in the Hobart vicinity after 6:25 p.m.

Shortly after 7 p.m., David Ledwell, also of New Town, saw "a dome-shaped object only 400 feet from the ground" that flew slowly. It had a red light on top and four lights underneath.

"I could see quite clearly," Ledwell remarked. "It was fantastic."

The witness added that he saw what looked like three "landing legs."

Two men were driving in a truck near Cornelian Bay when they spotted "a circular-shaped object about 50 feet in diameter and only 50 feet up from the ground." It hovered over the bay area, then headed toward the Tasman Bridge.

"I've never believed in anything like this before," the truck driver remarked, "and I'll never forget it."

On or about April 25, 1972, thousands of witnesses reportedly saw a "football-shaped, luminous" UFO hover over Srinagar, India, for an hour, stated the *Bombay Times of India*, April 29, 1972. It was rotating "and throwing off bright flickers of light."

### *The 1972 New Zealand Reports*

It was 2:30 a.m., May 19, 1972. Russell Orr, a businessman, and policemen at the Hastings, New Zealand, police station, saw a UFO that was "barrel-shaped but bluntly cut off at one end and with a band around the middle," stated the May 19, 1972, edition of the *Hastings Hawkes Bay Herald Tribune*. They watched it for more than an hour through a powerful telescope mounted atop the station.

Orr, Sgt. J. Mc Cormack, and Constables J. Gosman and P. Moore watched as it moved slowly "about 12 degrees above the horizon over the red warning beacon of the

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## SPACE TIME TUNNELS AN ANSWER TO ET FLIGHTS? (An Editorial Comment)

Could black -- and possibly even white -- "holes" or "time tunnels" deep in space be an answer to the flights of UFOs from other planets? This possibility -- as fantastic and science fiction-like as it may sound -- was at least hinted at in a recent article in the *Wall Street Journal* (June 16, 1972).

Mysterious signals from an object thousands of billions of miles from earth have triggered prospects of such an explanation and have great-

ly revived interest in the "black holes" or "time tunnel" theory. Explorer 42, a small orbiting satellite, has been receiving the signals from the object, named Cygnus X-1, and relaying them to earth at Greenbelt, Md.

Some startling facts about X-1 have apparently caused scientists to reactivate their interest in the black holes theory: (1) X-1 seems to have a diameter smaller than that of earth, but its energy output is 1,000 times more powerful than that of our sun; and (2) it doubles its output of energy "within a tenth of a second and just as suddenly reduces it again."

Although the black holes speculation was born in the late 1930s, X-1 may be the first "evidence" that the theory is not all science fiction. A prevailing opinion appears to be that of Remo Ruffini, a Princeton University physicist, who says that "perhaps 90% of the universe is hidden from view" by these holes. Galaxies are flying apart, the theory goes, but their velocity is braked by "gravitational force from matter, such as other galaxies." But, since "there isn't enough visible matter to exert such a tremendous force..., the missing matter exists in the form of black holes."

### *Gravitational Force Squeezes Matter Into Invisibility*

The above is suggested as an explanation for the deaths of stars with masses more than five times greater than our sun.

"Since the gravitational force would be that much greater, [the scientists] say," the article said, "it's logical to theorize that [a] star would squeeze itself into a ball of matter so dense and so small that it would simply disappear," thus creating a black hole. According to Kip Thorne, a California Institute of Technology physicist, once this happens, the star then turns itself inside out "and everything becomes reversible." Therefore, gravity becomes a pushing, rather than pulling, force.

Ruffini speculates that a spaceship's occupants entering a black hole but somehow escaping the gravity push could perhaps experience a time lapse of billions of years while, it would seem to the occupants, "only a flash of a second had passed." Nothing could escape from a black hole, however, the physicist believes, because the object would be "stripped down to its atoms by the tidal forces created by the push of gravity." Thorne calls X-1 "by far the best candidate for a black hole."

### *White Holes Theory*

There are other theories. Perhaps the most fantastic comes from Robert Hjelming, an astrophysicist at the Green Bank, W. Va., National Radio Astronomy Observatory, who suggests that the matter entrapped in the black holes may actually emerge from white holes. The black and white holes, he speculates, are "the connections between our universe and other universes: matter disappears down a black hole in our universe and emerges, fountainlike, through a white hole in another universe." Or our universe -- and others as well -- may contain both black and white holes. Other scientists, including Thorne, believe this to be a little too far-fetched, however.

But is it really that far-fetched? What we actually know about the universe and its conditions could possibly be compared to a tiny grain of sand on a very large beach. Hjelming's theory -- assuming a person's age, as well, would stand still in such a time-tunnel -- could explain the long distance flights of UFOs. Of course, any UFO caught in a black hole may stand little chance of ever returning to its home planet since the planet may have been non-existent for millions, even billions, of years by the time it returned. This could also explain possible colonization on other planets and would help bolster the theory that earthman is actually a hybrid from a race of intelligent extraterrestrial (ET) beings who colonized earth millions of years ago. There are numerous ancient writings and legends to this effect.

Could man be the product of a UFO -- or UFOs -- that was once caught in a time-tunnel, somehow escaped, and forced to end its trek on the third planet from our sun? Fantastic though this explanation might be, it is a fascinating theory.

### *Foreign Reports (Continued from page 1)*

Kahuranaki television translator." Another witness said it "changed color from white to red to green and hovered sideways and vertically."

The band, Orr stated, "constantly pulsed" and appeared to be translucent at its center. Ten year old Shane O'Neil observed the object from his home at Havelock North. It was saucer-shaped, he said, and was hovering behind some trees.

Officials -- including those with the Royal New Zealand Air Force at Auckland, the Meteorological Office at Wellington, and the Mount John tracking station and the observatory on South Island -- were unable to account for the sighting.

Mrs. G.R. Kennet reported seeing a saucer that "gleamed from the center as though lights were flashing" at Thames at mid-day in March, 1972, the *Thames Star*, April 13, 1972, reported.

"It hovered in the sky, then darted over the Firth of Thames," the witness stated.

The UFO disappeared toward the west "in a split second."

"I've considered lots of things," the puzzled woman said, "but it isn't logical that it was an airplane. Everything was so instantaneous. It was such a vivid experience. In the past I have been a skeptic about things like this. I'm not now."

Another UFO over Thames was reported by 10-year old David Clement on the morning of May 16, 1972, stated the May 16, 1972, edition of the *Star*. It was approximately 7:55 a.m. when he saw it heading east. The ball-shaped, silver-gray object then turned, headed back toward the town and "just disappeared."

Several witnesses said they saw a UFO in the vicinity of Palmerston North on the evening of May 7, 1972, according to the Palmerston North *Manawatu Evening Standard*, May 9, 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Hallet, duck hunting at Himatangi, saw a "flashing bar-shaped rectangle" at about 6 p.m. It traveled quickly from the northwest to the southeast and was observed for two minutes.

F. Orr, another duck hunter, was in the vicinity of Mangamaire-Pahiatua when he saw "a brilliant flashing object" moving in the same direction "from a high position in the sky."

The first witness to report the sighting was H.H. Fulton.

### *The 1970-1971 New Zealand Sightings*

The April 1, 1972, edition of the Tauranga, New Zealand, *Bay of Plenty Times* described New Zealand sightings during 1970 and 1971:

At 6:55 p.m., July 8, 1970, a Wesley resident observed a bright red object that changed to blue, "then to a brilliant white." The lights revolved as they changed colors. The UFO hovered for three or four minutes, then "shot vertically into the sky to a height of about 1,000 feet." Emitting three white flashes of brilliant light, it quickly rose and disappeared.



Roger Morel and Robin Hay, forestry workers, were near Taupo when they noticed their dog was highly excited. Looking up, they saw a hovering craft "shaped like an inverted ice cream cone or Mexican hat." It was about 9 p.m., April 15, 1971.

"The pointed end of the cone was facing upwards and was marked by dullish green lights," the paper stated. "The lower section appeared to be revolving with flickering orange and yellow lights, and was about the length of a Friendship aircraft. A band of yellow lights showed up halfway to the top and the body itself was a hazy green with a metallic sheen."

The witnesses watched for about 10 minutes, then started their car. The object followed them until it disappeared in the vicinity of De Bretts Hotel.

At 7:35 p.m., September 3, 1971, a witness saw a bright orange UFO "surrounded by a brilliant halo" at Te Kuiti. It moved slowly at first, then gained speed and changed to a "blinding white" color. It stopped and hovered, "then rose vertically and disappeared."

#### *Saucer Terrifies Observer*

In December, 1970, Luis Carlos Nogueira and two friends were standing outside engaged in conversation at about 10 p.m. in Guaratingueta, Sao Paulo, Brazil. In the distance was Passarinho Hill.

"My attention was attracted by a reflection of light which, fluctuating repeatedly, delineated the contours of a great flying saucer," Nogueira stated in the December 23, 1970, edition of the Sao Paulo *Ultima Hora*. "Terrified by such a vision, I tried to point the disc out to my [friends]. However, due to a house right in front of us, they could not see it, except for the reflections of light, which faded away on the slopes of the hill."

A bright light reportedly appeared near the top of a mountain at 7:30 p.m., September 29, 1971, in Guacui, Brazil, "and many panicked," according to the October 1, 1971, edition of the Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, *O Globo*. Among the observers was a soldier, Pvt. Ismael Marques, and a beauty queen, Miss Guacui -- 18-year old Helena Maria Siqueira.

The December 21, 1971, edition of *O Globo* described an incident that took place on the evening of the 19th in the vicinity of Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, and several other nearby towns, including Sao Leopoldo, Viamao, and Carazinho.

Victor Soares, Lino Osvaldo Saul, his girl friend, and others saw an orange-colored object "which frightened many people."

"On a scale held at arm's length," the paper stated, "it measured 8 cm in diameter, was enveloped in a sort of fog, and moved in a northeasterly direction."

Saul and his girl were on the Praia de Assuncao beach when they saw the UFO emerge from the water and head toward them. It was apparently gaining altitude.

"I grabbed my girl and ran," Saul succinctly stated.

A few days later, at approximately 11 p.m. on the 22nd, Francisco Murcio de Vasconcelos, manager of an insurance company, his wife, two sons and three others saw an object "emitting intense light" descend toward them, stated the December 23, 1971, edition of *Ultima Hora*. They were in the vicinity of Mossoro, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil.

"I stopped the car and we watched the object for about 10 minutes," Vasconcelos related.

The witnesses were "visibly nervous."

"The region in which the disc... stopped was very deserted," the main witness continued, "and at first we thought it was a plane, but the object had no windows at all; it was expelling sparks from a tube resembling a car's exhaust pipe. The disc disappeared near the Praia do Tibau, a few leagues from Mossoro."

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*Foreign Reports (Continued from page 4)**Physiological Effects and Physical Evidence Top Argentinian Reports*

Two campesinos (farmers or peasants) were working on the Alberto Zorzosa estate near Tafo Viejo, Tucuman, Argentina, during the early afternoon of January 8, 1971 according to the January 18, 1971, edition of the Buenos Aires, Argentina, *Clarín*, and the January 19, 1971, edition of the Lima, Peru, *El Comercio*. Andres Antonio Lopez and his nephew saw a UFO that looked like two dishes joined at the rims. It had a reddish bottom and an apparently luminous top where two antennae projected to form a "V." It was about two meters in diameter, one meter high, flat and smooth.

"When the flying object approached," Lopez related, "my nephew and I were gathering lemons... when we noticed a very sharp sound, like the wind. Turning, we saw 'the thing,' which we had never seen before. The object settled down some 30 meters from where we were."

Lopez said his nephew wanted to approach the UFO, but the farmer "was still almost frozen with fear, for I thought it might be an evil thing."

The witness added that the object flew in from the highlands, hovered, "and rocked back and forth until concealed by some reeds."

The object was said to have burned pastures, a cornfield, and dried up the lemon plantation.

On the last day of that same month, at 9:30 p.m. on the 31st, residents of Rosario reported seeing four flying objects "which emitted colored lights and moved toward the east at great speed, then disappeared," stated the Necochea, Argentina, *Ecos Diarios*, February 2, 1971.

On the evening of September 19, 1971, Osvaldo d'Annunzio was on his way to his fiancée's home in Bahía Blanca when he saw a "bright star" that "suddenly began to fly over the countryside at a dizzy [sic] speed." It stirred up "whirlwinds of dust."

D'Annunzio discovered that he was momentarily paralyzed. After the object left the area, the witness touched his face and "felt intense burns," stated the Quebec, Canada, *Le Nouvelliste*, September 25, 1971. He also suffered from migraine headaches.

The observer added that cattle in the vicinity changed color while the UFO was in the area.

*Craft Emits "Long Whistle"*

Luis Agapito Rodriguez and other residents of El Hatillo, Venezuela, saw a flat, luminous UFO speeding from north to south on the evening of December 20, 1970, according to the December 22, 1970, edition of the Caracas, Venezuela, *Ultima Noticias*.

"It disappeared behind the mountain..." Rodriguez said. "Its noise was very much like a long whistle... In my 22 years, I have never seen anything else like that [object]; it seemed strange to me and I told the other townspeople... I have seen airplanes, light planes, and helicopters, but never a device of this type."

"Thousands of witnesses" reportedly observed an oval-shaped UFO emitting blue, orange, green and red lights dart from west to east above Cuzco, Peru, in a few seconds at 10 p.m., June 16, 1971, stated the Lima, Peru, *La Prensa*, June 18, 1971.

A UFO hovered southeast of Torreon, Mexico, on or about February 18, 1971, according to the February 20, 1971, edition of the Santiago, Chile, *La Prensa*. The object vanished, leaving "a wake of bright yellowish light" and frightening witnesses.

*1970 French Sightings*

1970 was apparently a big year for UFO reports in France, stated the July 5, 1971, edition of the Morlaix, France, *Le Telegramme de Brest*.

● February 26. Evening. From Fontenay-le-Combe to Scaer. A gendarme and others saw a UFO that "measured about 50 meters in diameter, and about 120 m with the corona which surrounded it. It was enormous and almost incredible."

● March. Quimper. "G.M." said he saw two objects. "The devices were ellipsoidal and of the same size," he stated. "They followed each other at low altitude. The second one seemed to be faster and passed the other. In front of the two machines, one could distinguish a 'yellow-white' light on the upper part. These UFOs made an unusual noise."

● August 4. About 5 p.m. I'le Longue. Several masonry workers at the atomic submarine base saw three luminous discs "emitting a yellow light... from several sorts of big beacons embedded in the devices." They were estimated to be 15 m in diameter and were flat at the tops.

● September 8. Approximately 9:30 p.m. Riec-sur-Belon. "D.L.N." and his two sisters stated: "We were looking toward the ocean and immediately noticed a yellowish 'star' whose size increased until it was comparable to a centime piece held at arm's length. The UFO then looked like a glass ball with clear outlines, lighted by a bright yellow light. Another 'star' approached, then still another. In all, six came, and began to proceed in a group toward the sea, at 45 degrees from the horizon."

● September 19. About 9:30 p.m. Leuhan. "C.C." observed a white, luminous, ellipsoidal UFO going from southwest to northeast. It flew near the St. Goazec TV relay station. A few hours earlier, at 7 p.m., at Moelan-sur-Mer, Mrs. "Y.R." and her two children saw apparently the same object, "which came from the sea and moved very rapidly" to the northeast.

#### *The Scandinavian Incidents*

During the early morning of January 3, 1971, several witnesses saw an "intensely luminous" UFO land in the yard of a home in Kuusamo, Finland, stated a January, 1971, edition of *Tuomi Sanomat*. During takeoff, apparently, the object caused the lights of a nearby house to go out.

The object left behind a melted spot in the snow two to three meters in size. Samples from the bluish-gray spot were sent for analysis to the University of Oulu and the Typpi OY laboratory, but results of the tests are not known.

The landing site is near the Novaya Zemlya atomic testing area.

At about 1:30 p.m., June 23, 1971, several witnesses saw a UFO near Gjesing, Denmark, stated the *Grenaa*, Denmark, *Djursland*, July 7, 1971.

Mrs. Kristine Quist and a neighbor, Mrs. Helga Ronde, followed its flight to the north, "out near the sea."

"It looked like a dark cloud with a black ring inside," Mrs. Quist said. "I think that we saw it for about five minutes."

Meanwhile, Kurt Leth Jakobsen, a press photographer, snapped a picture of it east of Grenaa harbor.

Unfortunately, UFOR has no contacts in most of the countries mentioned above, so it cannot adequately follow up on these reports. If any subscribers or readers know of anyone living near the vicinity of any of the sightings, we would appreciate being informed so we may further investigate.

#### "BLACKLIST" INFORMATION REVEALED

Some information concerning organizations that have "blacklists" against UFO information has been revealed by Dr. Robert F. Creegan, philosophy professor at the State University of New York at Albany (SUNYA) (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 3, p. 5).

Graduate students who attended the UFO course that Dr. Creegan headed at SUNYA interviewed a former confidential secretary to a General Dynamics "high executive." She stated that "staff members are explicitly warned against discussing any UFO matters."

"The rumor is that there is company interest in UFO propulsion," Dr. Creegan told UFOR.

Other students reported that a New York state official indicated that New York state police "have numerous interesting UFO investigations on record," but are not permitted to release any information on them or "to discuss any UFO matters, including any sightings of their own."

"There is much additional data on information control," Dr. Creegan concluded, "but this is all that can be given now..."

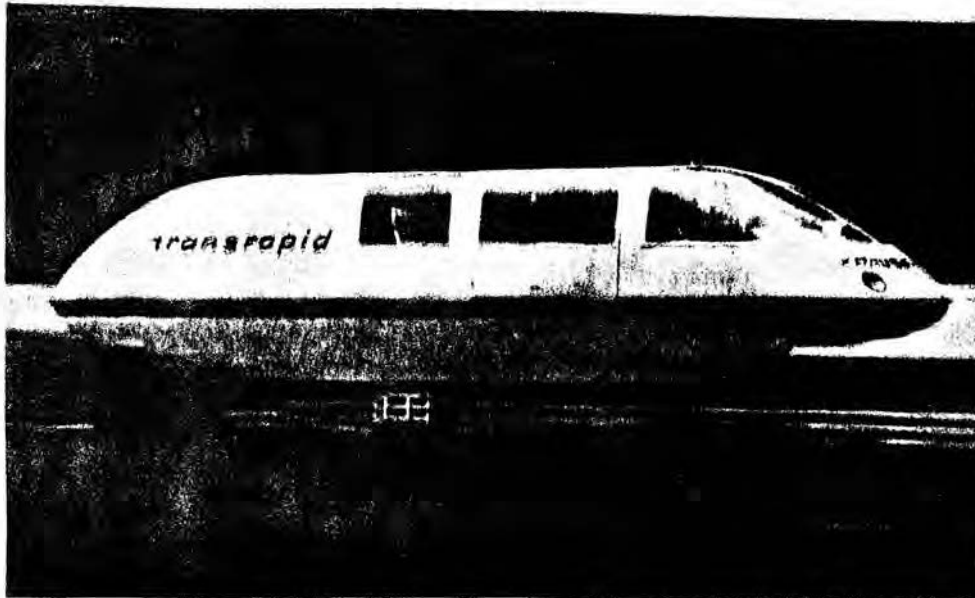


Photo of mag lev vehicle that, using the magnetic levitation principle, UFOR hypothesized, could possibly explain some UFO propulsion, displacement, and electro-magnetic effect methods (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 1, p. 7).

(Courtesy: Krauss-Maffei AG)

#### NAS SAYS INTELLIGENT EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE MAY EXIST

A National Academy of Sciences (NAS) committee has said that there is "a high probability that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe," according to the June 2, 1971, edition of the *Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer*. The Astronomy Survey Committee, in a report, urged increased federal funding from the current \$270 million annually to \$355 million per year over the next decade for astronomical probing. It added that new instruments should be built that could enhance detecting signals from other inhabited worlds beyond our solar system.

The report called for a national program that would "have as its goal the detection of intelligent life elsewhere." It said that "quasars" and "pulsars" contribute to an evolving picture of "general cosmic violence" in the formation of stars, and, perhaps, their planetary systems.

"Our civilization is within reach of one of the greatest steps in evolution: knowledge of the possible existence, nature and activities of independent civilizations in space," the report stated. "At this instant, through this very document, are perhaps passing radio waves bearing the conversations of distant creatures --



conversations that we could record if we but pointed a radio telescope in the right direction and... tuned... to the proper frequency."

Even existing radio telescopes, it said, could detect "the radiations of a civilization no more advanced than ours over distances of many hundreds of light years..."

### ENQUIRER PANEL MEETS IN CALIFORNIA

The *National Enquirer's* Scientific UFO Investigative Panel (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 12, p. 7, and Vol. II, No. 1, p. 6, No. 2, p. 5, and No. 3, p. 8) met in Berkeley, Calif., June 23-25, 1972. Present were the UFO reward panel members (Drs. J. Allen Hynek, Robert F. Creegan, R. Leo Sprinkle, Frank Salisbury, and James Harder), James Lorenzen, head of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), and Robert Smith, of the *Enquirer*.

"The experiment of cooperation between journalism and science continued, and in general successfully, but not without some normal doubts and tensions," Dr. Creegan stated in a letter to UFOR.

There is now a "vast mass of material" that has been received by the panel members as a result of the \$50,000 reward offer and an attempt was made at the meeting to isolate a few of the strongest cases, about half of which involve U.S., British, German and other military personnel.

"The scientific panel made several recommendations for the monetary support of follow-up studies," Dr. Creegan said. "Further physical and chemical analysis of the Delphos, Kansas, materials are needed. [See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 11, p. 1, and Vol. II, No. 2, p. 6, and No. 3, p. 8]. There is some disagreement about interpretations and the help of some of the world's top experts is now sought. There have been renewed repeated sightings in Washington state, and instrumentation for field studies is sought, and will also involve some expenditure. Despite the elements of expense and danger, investigators may be sent to [a] remote jungle place..."

### SIGHTING CAPSULES

The following sighting reports have also come to UFOR's attention:

- January 12, 1972. Evening. Near Carrizosa, New Mexico. Girrard Morgan, his son and a neighbor saw four yellow lights at about 15,000 feet altitude that disappeared behind some hills, stated the January 14, 1972, edition of *The Kansas City Star*. Later, two more lights appeared and traveled parallel to the Morgan car, then disappeared near Bingham.

- March 2, 1972. Approximately 8 p.m. Red Bank, Hazlet, Keyport and Middletown, N.J., areas. Strange lights were seen in the sky, the March 3, 1972, edition of the *Red Bank Daily Register* stated. (Possible explanation: aircraft of the Fly By-Night Advertising Company located at Linden Airport).

- March 17, 1972. About 7:30 p.m. Gore, New Zealand. Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee and others observed a bright blue object with a "flat trajectory," stated the March 18 and 22, 1972, editions of *The (Gore) Mataura Ensign*.

- March 17, 1972. About 10:15 p.m. Fremont, Calif. Les Dingee, a retired Baptist minister, and Beth Miller witnessed a "rocket" with flaming debris falling off, stated the *Fremont News-Register*, April 14, 1972. (Possible explanation: disintegration of satellite or meteor).

- March 19, 1972. Around 9 p.m. Pocahontas, Ark. Police officers and others watched a bright light that changed color from white to blue hover for about an hour, then slowly move to the west, said the *Pocahontas Star Herald*, March 23, 1972. Authorities reported it moved too slowly for an aircraft. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

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Thank you.